

Commissioners

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Dear Community Leader,

On Tuesday, August 1, 2006, neighborhoods throughout Franklin County can join with thousands of communities nationwide to participate in the **23rd Annual National Night Out**. * National Night Out originally began in 1984 and is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention; (2) increase support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) strengthen new and existing community partnerships; and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know our communities will not tolerate crime.

The Board of Commissioners enthusiastically encourages all elected officials and local leaders throughout Franklin County to get involved and play a role in this community building and spirit yielding event. By partnering with your local neighborhood block watches, Chamber, churches, senior centers, and civic associations. National Night Out provides the opportunity to build a safer, more secure Franklin County community neighbor by neighbor.

Participation is easy. From 6 to 10 p.m. on August 1st, residents are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and go outside and meet their neighbors. Many communities network through neighborhood block watches or community organizations to sponsor activities like block parties, street fairs, ice cream socials and picnic-in-the-park events involving local law enforcement and government officials. The list of activities that you can sponsor in recognition of NNO is endless and jurisdictions are encouraged to be innovative.

Additional information is enclosed providing you with activity ideas and a sample flyer that may be reproduced. Questions may be directed by e-mail to our National Night Out team at NationalNightOut@franklincountyohio.gov or by telephone at (614) 462-5563. We also encourage you to visit the National website at www.nationalnightout.org.

Let's build a stronger Franklin County community, one neighbor at a time!

Sincerely,



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